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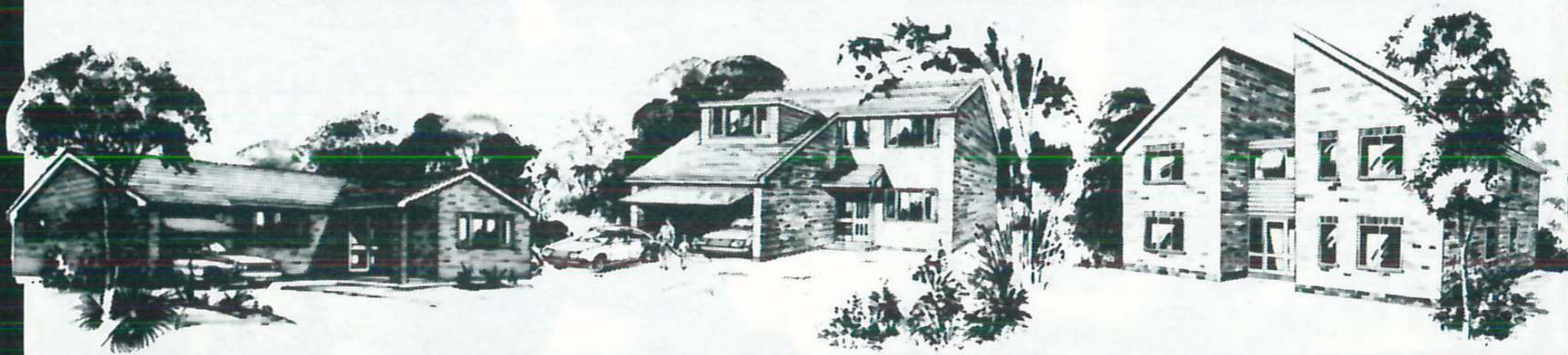
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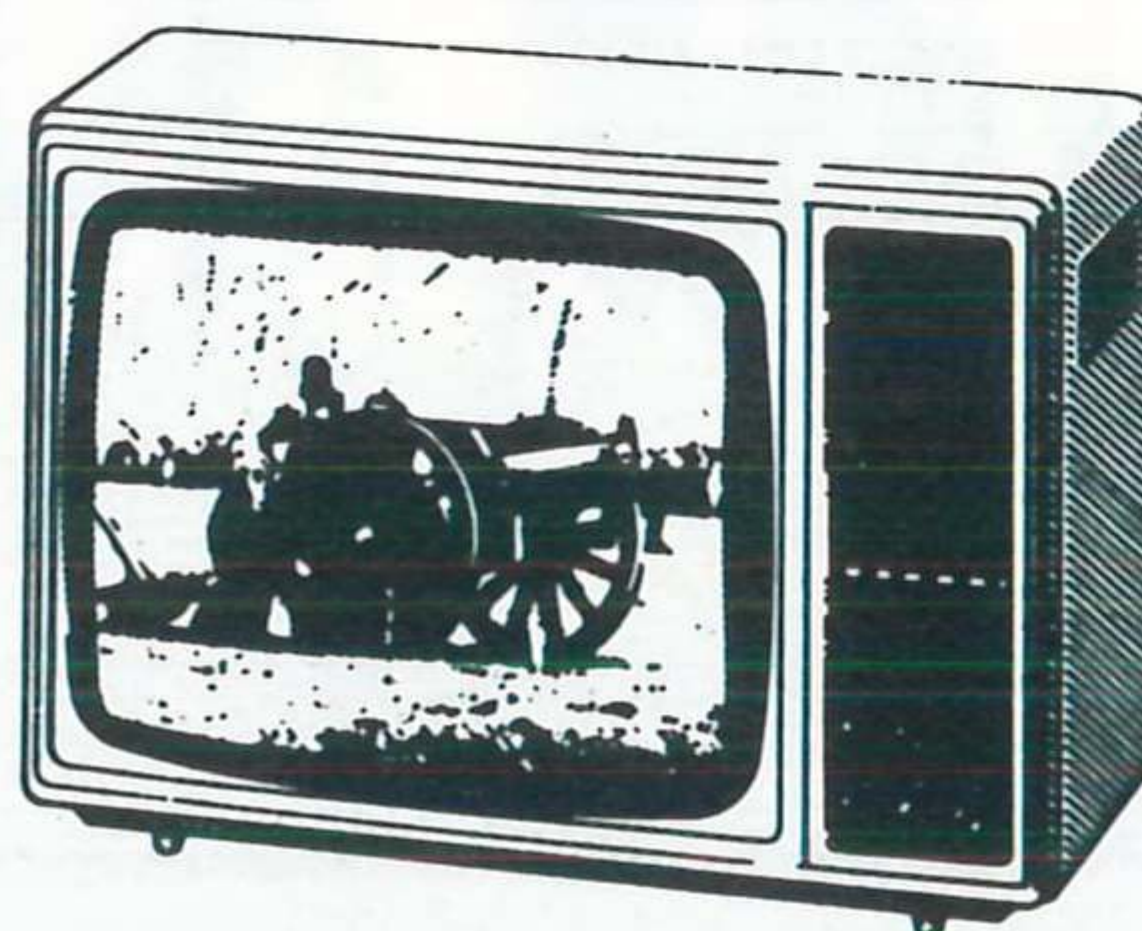
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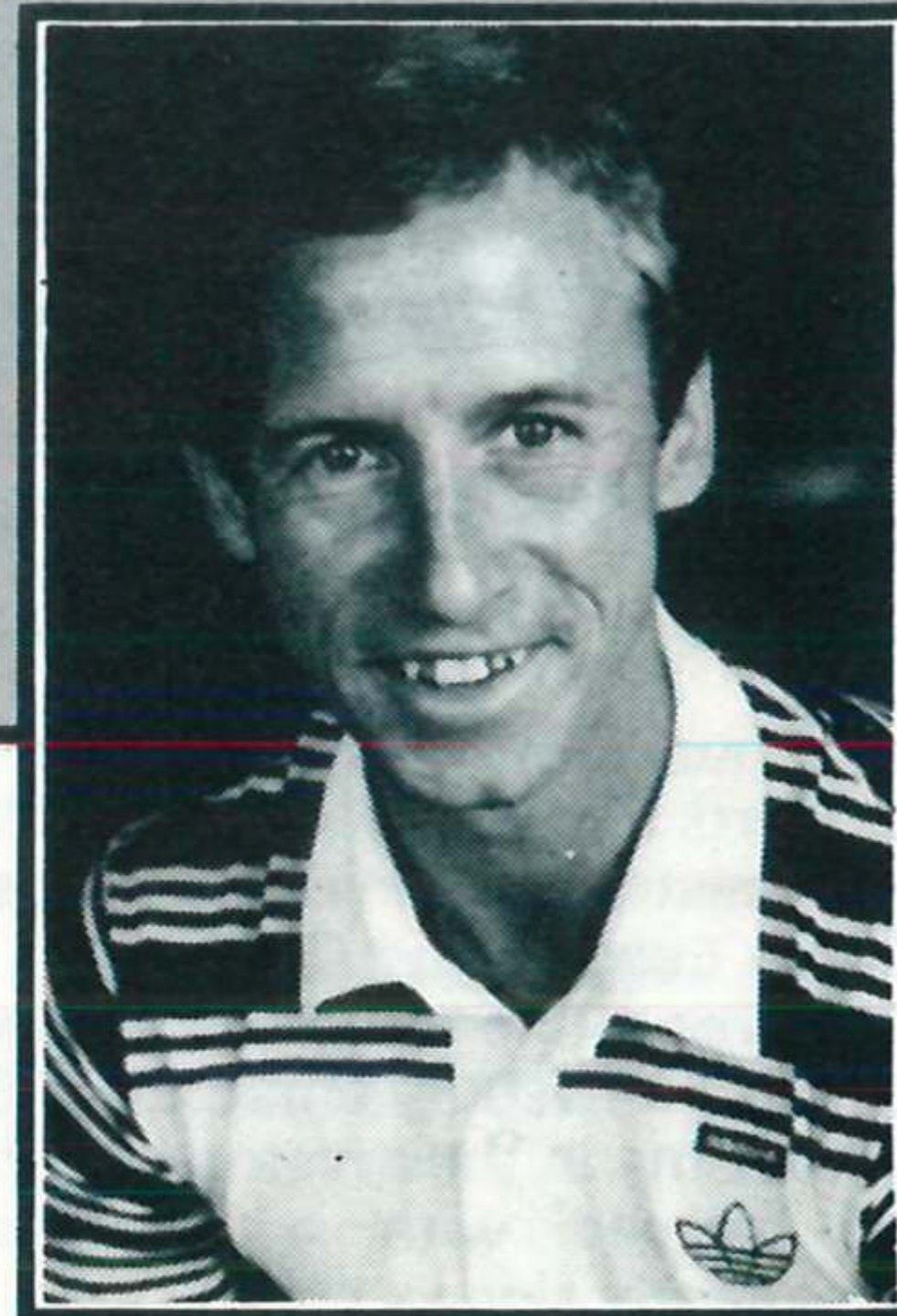
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We didn't get the results we were looking for but at least the performances against Watford and Queens Park Rangers showed a considerable improvement on the previous games against Middlesbrough and Barnsley.

As I say, the results didn't go our way but it just shows that you can put up a good fight of it when you put your minds to it.

The game at Watford when we took the First Division side into extra time came as no surprise to me. I said before we went to Vicarage Road for the second leg that when there is only one goal in it — whether it is a European or Milk Cup two-leg tie — you always have a chance as we showed at Watford.

After that spirited display when goals from Steve Sims and Luther Blissett in the extra time period put us out of the competition, we went on to give QPR a run for their money.

Considering their position and ours in the League table, going down by the only goal was a creditable performance.

And for Rangers' manager Terry Venables to admit that we had given them problems on their own ground was a big pat on the back and just what we needed.

In view of recent events at Elland Road thank goodness the supporters who follow us away from home are well behaved.

Considering the results we have had our supporters have had a lot to put up with on their travels yet they remain a credit to the game — unlike the idiots who threaten to put Leeds United out of business.

Leeds, like ourselves, are in debt and have enough problems without needing to worry about what the mindless minority are costing them.

The club already has to pay huge sums for extra police to try to control the fans at Elland Road — now that the situation has got out of hand they are threatened with a further financial burden they can ill afford.

Why don't these mindless morons stay well away from football matches?

No problems on that score, hopefully, as we welcome our friends from Gay Meadow for this afternoon's game.

It doesn't need me to tell you how important a win is for us this afternoon. A good result would give us all a much-needed shot in the arm.

Just picking up on a point Alan Ball made as he bowed out of English football last Saturday. Alan made the comment that there was an increasing apathy in football among players, managers and the Press.

And my recent experiences in one venture seem to bear out what he says.

For a couple of weeks we've been involved in coaching unemployed youngsters at British Aerospace at Lostock — two afternoons a week, a couple of hours a session.

It's all part of the Mayor's Appeal and we were pleased to get involved in the venture, but the reaction has been less than brilliant.

Youngsters out of work are being offered the chance to get specialist coaching from professionals, myself, our coaches Walter Joyce and Charlie Wright and some of our players.

Even though we are very busy already we are still prepared to offer this service if only the youngsters will come along.

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Welcome to BURNDEN PARK

SHREWSBURY FOLLOW FAMILIAR PATTERN

By Tony Pullein

Shrewsbury Town have become notorious for their slow starts but this season went down as one of their most disastrous openings on record. They lost their first five League and Cup games and quickly found themselves at the bottom of the table.

Since Shrewsbury entered the Second Division for the first time in their history in 1979 they have never been blessed with a good start. They have consequently always started with a big disadvantage and, for the past two seasons in particular, they have been deeply involved in the struggle against relegation.

It became clear to player-manager Graham Turner early on that his major problem was once again in attack. Last season they scored only 11 goals in their 21 away League games and the departure of last season's top scorer, 19-goal Ian Atkins, to Sunderland during the summer left Mr Turner with a big void to be filled.

Alan Brown, who was signed from Sunderland in a straight swap for Atkins, went straight into the side but clearly needed a few games to fit into the scheme of things. So, when his team ran up its string of early defeats, Mr Turner signed Cardiff striker Gary Stevens.

As is often the case, once Shrewsbury had registered their first win, they produced a string of good performances. They broke their duck with a 2-0 League Cup victory over Wrexham and scored their first League victory over the Kevin Keegan inspired Newcastle side (2-1).

Shrewsbury are still uncomfortably close to the foot of the Second Division and they come to Burnden Park with only one away victory to their credit. They won at Burnely (2-1). All their other away games have ended in defeat — at Oldham (0-1); Crystal Palace (1-2); Grimsby (0-2) and Q.P.R. (0-4) in the League and Wrexham (0-1) and Birmingham (1-4) in the League Cup; Barnsley (2-2).

Shrewsbury have been members of the Football League since 1950 when they were admitted to the old Third Division (North). After one campaign in that section, they were transferred to the Southern Section where they remained until becoming a founder member of the Fourth Division in 1958.

They gained promotion from the Fourth Division at the first attempt, a feat they repeated following further relegation in 1974. Until their elevation to Second Division status in 1979, Shrewsbury had spent all except two seasons at Third Division level.

Shrewsbury have been involved in some outstanding feats in Cup football. During their

1978/79 Third Division promotion run, they eliminated Manchester City and then smashed a club record by reaching the sixth round of the F.A. Cup. They then held Wolves to a 1-1 draw at Molineux before losing the replay 1-3.

In 1961 Shrewsbury appeared in the semi-finals of the League Cup and they have on four occasions won the Welsh Cup, the most recent being in 1979.

Sadly, they didn't qualify for the European Cup-Winners' Cup as UEFA rules decree that only Welsh clubs can qualify by that route. Shrewsbury will have to win the F.A Cup to enjoy that privilege.

Shrewsbury have only narrowly avoided relegation in each of the past two seasons. In 1981 they avoided the drop by three points but last season their fate was in doubt until their last game.

In one spell during the latter part of the campaign, they managed only one win in 15 games and that left them in grave danger. At the end of April they were second from bottom but they managed to make a special effort and successive home wins over Crystal Palace (1-0) and Grimsby (2-0) eased the pressure.

It was only after they had drawn 0-0 at Leicester in their final game, though, that Shrewsbury's future as a Second Division club was assured.

It was during one of their bleak periods that Shrewsbury came to Burnden Park last April. They looked certain of defeat when we were still holding on to the lead given to us by Chris Thompson's 25th minute goal and the game went into its final minute.

Then Shrewsbury were awarded a penalty which Ian Atkins converted.

Atkins had also converted a penalty against us when we visited Gay Meadow last November. An own-goal from Mike Bennett gave Shrewsbury a 2-0 win.

So, in neither game against us, did they score themselves from open play.

SHREWSBURY PEN-PICTURES

STEVE OGRIZOVIC (Goalkeeper). Steve was signed from Liverpool this summer in an exchange deal with Shrewsbury 'keeper Bob Wardle moving to Anfield to take over as Bruce Grobbelaar's deputy. Steve made a very impressive start to his League career with Chesterfield in 1977/78 and, before the season was over, he was snapped up by Liverpool. In his four years at Anfield, Steve made only four First Division appearances and he feels far happier now that he has the chance to establish himself in League soccer.

WAYNE WILLIAMS (Defender). Wayne served his apprenticeship with Shrewsbury and made his League debut on the opening day of this season. He has since been holding the right-back position.

SHREWSBURY TOWN



SHREWSBURY TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

BACK ROW: Bernard McNally, Alan Brown, Steve Parks, Nigel Pearson, Steve Ogrizovic, Phil Bates, Martin Sankey.

MIDDLE ROW: Wayne Jones (Trainer/Physiotherapist), Wayne Williams, Colin Griffin, Paul Petts, Paul Johnson, Ross McLaren, Steve Cross, Gary Stevens, Graham Turner (Manager).

FRONT ROW: Declan Edge, Andrew Kerr, Richard Pike, Karl Foster, Gerado Nardiello, Steve Buchanan, Martin Myers.

NIGEL PEARSON (Defender). Nigel was signed from non-League Heanor Town in November, 1981 and is now showing his skills in the Second Division.

COLIN GRIFFIN (Defender). Colin was a reserve player with Derby County but he stepped straight into the Shrewsbury side following his £10,000 transfer in 1975 and has remained there since. He completed 250 League appearances for the club last season.

PAUL JOHNSON (Defender). Paul learned his game with Stoke City, making his League bow for the Potters in 1978/79. He held the left-back position for most of the 1979/80 season but then dropped out of favour the following season. So he was happy to make a fresh start with Shrewsbury at the beginning of last season.

CARLETON LEONARD (Defender). Carleton was released at the end of last season, but has now rejoined the club. He made his League bow in 1975/76 and has now made more than 200 League appearances.

GRAHAM TURNER (Midfield). Player-manager Graham makes only occasional appearances these days. He has now put more than 600 League appearances behind him since he set out as a fresh-faced youngster with Wrexham in 1965. He spent a couple of seasons as a first-teamer at The Racecourse but moved on to nearby Chester in 1968. Shrewsbury paid a then club record fee of £30,000 to sign him in 1973 and he was appointed player-manager in December 1978 after Richie Barker had moved on to Wolves.

PAUL PETTS (Midfield). Paul is a former England youth international whose first club was Bristol Rovers. Though he made only just over a dozen League appearances for the Eastville club, he commanded an all-in fee of £35,000 when Shrewsbury signed him in 1980.

ROSS McLAREN (Midfield). Ross was a reserve player with Glasgow Rangers and he got his first chance in Shrewsbury's League eleven two seasons ago.

STEVE CROSS (Midfield). Steve is a Shrewsbury discovery who made his League bow in 1977 and who completed 100 appearances last season.

ALAN BROWN (Forward). Alan was signed from Sunderland, in a swap for Ian Atkins, this summer. Alan entered League soccer with Sunderland in 1976/77 and completed more than 100 games before his transfer to Shrewsbury.

CHIC BATES (Forward). Chic is now in his second spell with the club. He made his League debut in 1974 and was top scorer with 15 goals in 1976/77. He moved to Swindon the following season but, after topping their list with 16 in 1978/79, he was transferred to Bristol Rovers the next season for £50,000. Shrewsbury re-signed him for £20,000 last season.

GARY STEVENS (Forward). Gary was signed from Cardiff a few weeks ago. He was first introduced to Cardiff's League team in 1978 and maintained a regular scoring rate last season, he was their top scorer with 15 goals.

BERNARD McNALLY (Forward). Bernard is a local lad who worked his way up into the first-team two seasons back, earning a regular place this season.

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CLUB NEWS

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

Today's game will be the 9th meeting between the clubs in the football league. The Wanderers have a slight edge having won 4 games to Shrewsbury's 3.

The first meeting between the clubs took place in the third division at Gay Meadow in November, 1971. Shrewsbury won the game 1-0 but it was an eventful evening for Wanderers defender John Ritson who after having missed a penalty was sent off. In the return game at Burnden the Wanderers won 2-0 with goals from Roy Greaves and Ronnie Phillips.

The following season both games resulted in 2-0 wins for Bolton. Stuart Lee and Jimmy Redfern scoring at Burnden before a crowd of 18,193 and John Byrom and Garry Jones scoring at Shrewsbury before a crowd of 6,574.

We didn't meet again until October, 1980 when the Wanderers won 2-1 at Shrewsbury to end a sequence of 28 away games without victory. Mike Carter and Brian Kidd getting the goals.

In the following March, Shrewsbury won 2-0 at Burnden in a game that saw both Mike Graham and David Burke playing their final league games for the Wanderers.

Last season Shrewsbury won 2-0 at home but only after an own goal from Mike Bennett and a penalty miss from Brian Kidd in his final league game for the club.

Chris Thompson gave the Wanderers the lead in the return game but a last minute penalty from Ian Atkins earned Shrewsbury a point.

We also met last season in the football league group cup with the Shrews' winning 2-0 at Burnden in a qualifying tie.

Our paths have crossed once in the FA Cup. This was in 1973 when the Wanderers won a second round tie at Burnden by 3-0. Ronnie Phillips, Stuart Lee and John Ritson getting their names on the scoresheet.

FLASHBACK

15 years ago: 28th October, 1967. The Wanderers were back to full strength for the visit of Derby County to Burnden Park. They continued their good goalscoring form by running out winners by 5-3. The goalscorers were Roy Greaves and a couple each for John Byrom and Gareth Williams, his first for the club.

4th November, 1967. Another new signing Terry Wharton who cost £70,000 from Wolves made his debut in a 1-1 draw at Preston North End. He replaced Brian Bromley in an otherwise unchanged side. Gordon Taylor scored Wanderers' goal before a crowd of 19,798.

10 years ago: 30th September, 1972. A 3-1 win at Wrexham gave the Wanderers their second away victory of the season. Warwick Rimmer returned to the side in place of the injured Alan Waldron.

Goals from Garry Jones, Ronnie Phillips and Stuart Lee, his first of the season were enough to win the points with an Arfon Griffiths penalty being Wrexham's only reward.

4th November, 1972. An unchanged team completed a successful week with a 1-0 win at Chesterfield. Stuart Lee scored the winner to put the Wanderers on top by goal average over Port Vale.

5 years ago: 29th October, 1977. Luton Town were the visitors to Burnden and stunned the crowd of 20,113 by taking the lead through Ron Futcher.

Willie Morgan equalised seven minutes into the second half when he sent in a shot that was so hard Aleksic in the Luton goal couldn't hold the ball and it fell over behind the line.

Frank Worthington scored the winner in the 82nd minute when he sent a looping header in at the far post from a Morgan cross. This was Worthington's fifth goal in six games.

5th November, 1977. Alan Waldron replaced the injured Peter Reid for the visit to Orient which resulted in a 1-1 draw. Bill Roffey had given the Londoners a first half lead but a 57th minute penalty from Roy Greaves extended the Wanderers unbeaten run to seven league games.

RESERVE REPORT

The Wanderers reserves gave a commanding performance to defeat Chesterfield reserves 4-1 at Burnden.

Full back Jimmy Phillips was heavily involved in the early

exchanges, firstly producing a fine cross for Wayne Foster to narrowly miss and then clearing a shot off the line at the other end.

Vernon Allat gave the Wanderers the lead after 16 minutes when he brilliantly headed home a Steve Thompson cross.

Six minutes later Steve Robinson equalised for Chesterfield when he headed home a poor clearance.

Steve Thompson regained Wanderers' lead 8 minutes before half time when he side footed home a Jimmy Phillips cross from point blank range.

Thompson was again on the mark in the 67th minute when he scored the most spectacular goal seen at Burnden this season. Dave Hoggan chested down a Neil Redfearn free kick to Thompson who beautifully volleyed home from twenty yards.

Mike Bennett completed the scoring in the 80th minute after Wayne Foster has outpaced the visitors defence.

Team: Farnworth, Redfearn, Phillips, Joyce, Doyle, Booth, S. Thompson, Hoggan, Foster, Allatt, Bennett. Sub: Davies.

YOUTH TEAM EXIT

Wanderers Youth went out of the Lancashire Youth Cup to Manchester City in a 2nd round tie at Burnden by 3-1.

This was the third consecutive season that City youth have defeated Wanderers youth in this competition but this game was by far the most comprehensive defeat.

Hoyland gave City a dream start after 3 minutes but Warren Joyce equalised 10 minutes later with a well placed 18 yard shot.

Hildersley scored City's second and Bell scored the final goal 15 minutes from the end.

'A' TEAM NEWS

The 'A' team suffered their first defeat of the season when they went down 6-4 to Everton 'A'. Of the remaining nine games, five have been won and four drawn, the most impressive performances being a 5-0 win over Manchester United last Saturday, a 7-2 win over Tranmere Rovers and a well earned 2-0 away win over a strong Burnley side.

All 'A' team home games are played at Bromwich Street kick off 11.00 a.m.

JUNIOR WHITES NEWS

Today's mascot is Christopher Boothman of Victoria Court, Farnworth. He attends Plodder Lane School and tomorrow will be his 6th birthday.

Christopher's favourite player is John McGovern which must make John his favourite manager as well!

SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Members of the Supporters Association will again be running or walking to the Blackburn game at Ewood Park on November 20th. If you are intending running please let any committee member know as soon as possible so refreshments/changing facilities can be arranged.

Don't forget your tickets for the Fancy Dress on December 22nd, to be held in the Executive Suite. Tickets are priced £2.00 and £1.50 for members which includes supper.

Tickets are also available from the Executive Suite for Christmas Functions. On Christmas Eve Ricky Livid will appear, tickets priced £2 and on New Year's Eve, Ivor Davies is the artist, tickets priced £2.50.

SOUVENIR SHOP

With Christmas now approaching perhaps it would be a good idea to think about getting some presents from the Souvenir shop. Some of the items available include Shoulder Bags (£5.80), Bob hats (£2.20), Bath towels (£4.50), Pullovers (£8.75 to £9.40 depending on size) and Hooded Track Suit Tops (£11.00).

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More Live TV Soccer

Is television really helping to kill professional soccer. That is the firm belief of many of the sports respected administrators who think that the game is given far too much exposure on the small screen.

The argument is not new, there have been open hostilities between football and television for years, but as live attendances continue to decline in dramatic and frightening proportions, the box becomes a convenient and handy scapegoat.

In the past decade football has lost 50 per cent of its paying customers and the decline has continued this season. It is a far from healthy situation but to put it in perspective, football is not the only entertainment industry to have suffered from the advances of technology and a changing social pattern. The cinema and the live stage have fared much worse.

Of course the lack of public interest in the game can not be attributed to any one single factor. A scarcity of goals and crowd hooliganism have also been given as reasons for the public turning their back on the nations national sport and no doubt these things have had a bearing, but it would seem that there are much more fundamental issues at the root of the exodus.

The present recession and staggering unemployment figures have obviously cut the publics spending power and this accounts for a **percentage of the stay-aways**, but one of the most startling statistics to emerge recently has been the fact that the television ratings for football are also in decline.

LOST FOR EVER

The armchair fans have certainly not been influenced by their pay-packet, hooliganism or a lack of goals. One national newspaper did a count on the number of goals screened one week-end on television. On a Saturday when the first division produced 29 goals in total, the television networks screened 110, counting their preview programmes and flashes on the news. Of course viewers in one region would not enjoy the full goal feast, but they would be likely to see half that total.

Bert Millichip the progressive Chairman of the

Football Association and West Bromwich Albion has always been a realist. He says: "There are so many other leisure activities, that people are being torn away from football because they are enjoying other active sports."

There has been a conscious effort this season to provide entertaining progressive football and as a result the goal scoring rate has increased impressively, but Mr. Millichip warns: "If we bring back more entertainment to the game then we shall bring back a few spectators, but we shall not recover all the people we have lost."

As to whether television contributes significantly to football's falling popularity the programme producers quickly point to darts, snooker and basketball which were very much minority sports in terms of spectator following, until the magic box promoted their interests through programmes like 'Pot Black.'

LIVE ACTION

Mind you they talk in terms of hundreds of spectators whereas football is dealing in tens of thousands which is a much more complex problem. Snooker or darts can survive on perhaps one or two big matches a week, the Football League has 92 clubs chasing the carrot, not just once a week but usually twice.

The current contract between the Football League and the BBC and ITV is due for renewal at the end of this season, and already preparatory negotiations are under way.

At the moment the League receives £10 million over a four year period for the rights to broadcast each weekend, three-quarters of an hour of edited highlights on each channel.

The Football League is expected to press for a large increase on the new contract and also is looking at the way the sport is presented. It could be that soccer's authorities would now prefer to see one match televised in full, rather than a succession of highlights that can influence the armchair viewer to believe that nothing else happens between goals.

A Million LAUGHS

Alan Birchenall



Ray Bradley of the 'Sunday Express' writes for you

A MILLION LAUGHS

Soccer is no laughing matter as Alan Birchenall will tell you. As the legendary Bill Shankly once confessed: "Football is not a matter of life and death. It is far more serious!"

The late and great Shanks may well be right if we digest all the gloom and doom that is being spewed out this season.

But back to the Birch, a real 18-carat character who always played with a smile on his face and remains my favourite Court Jester.

Birchenall played for seven League clubs in a colourful 20-year career and always gave the customers what they wanted — entertainment.

He also holds the dubious distinction of getting a manager sacked in 48 hours and that must be some sort of League record.

Says Alan: "Jim Iley signed me for Blackburn on a Friday. I played on Saturday and he was sacked on the Monday. My jokes at half-time must have killed him!"

Birchenall is an extrovert with an infectious sense of humour which he still shows at 37 as player manager of Alliance side Trowbridge. But despite the spontaneous gift for turning the funny into the outrageous there is a serious side to "The Birch" if you dig deep enough.

As a 'part-timer' he can afford to take an objective look at a scowling League scene and asks pertinently: "When did you last see a player smile on the pitch? Where did you see a player cracking a joke with the ref?"

"The game is dying because of lack of entertainment. Rodney Marsh put his finger on it a few years ago when he said: 'The game has gone grey.' Now it is beginning to look black.

"Rod was a supreme entertainer. A player with tantalising skills; a magic player who lit up the terraces. He was a born showman and a natural crowd-puller because he was never frightened to try something different.

SNOWBALLS

"Back in the late Sixties — I call them the Golden Days — you had George Best, Denis Law, Peter Osgood, Bobby Charlton, Charlie Cooke. God! Where are there players of that stature today?"

"They all loved to show off their skills. Then there were guys like Jimmy Greaves and Alan Hudson who would make a crowd roll up with a funny gesture if they scored or missed a 'sitter'.

"I remember when I was playing for Leicester and we were losing 1-0 at half-time in a Cup tie. When we came back on the pitch it was a real downpour.

"Two young girls were holding an umbrella. I just grabbed it and walked out onto the pitch. The crowd loved it: even the ref laughed. What else could he do?"

"Another occasion at Filbert Street I threw a snowball at a kid before the game. When I arrived at the half-way line I was bombarded by 1,000 snowballs. Everybody just rolled up."

Like most players Birchenall has had his clashes with authority in the past, but even when he gets booked now he still manages to walk away with a smile or a puzzled nod of the head.

"Referees and I have always got on well," he says with a wink and a wicked grin that brooked no argument. "Mind you, I used to get on better with them in the old days.

"I remember refs like Bob Matthewson who stood no nonsense, yet managed to have a great rapport with the players. He used to say 'Get on with it Birch' if we over reacted to a decision. Like most good refs he was on the same wavelength as the players — and we knew it.

"Now refs just seem to want to PROVE themselves and they don't take the heat out of a situation. One thing they can't stand is the 'verbals'. Players are always likely to make rash remarks in the heat of a situation. That will never change and they should accept it as an instinctive reaction.

DAD'S ARMY

"Being a bit of a chatter box on the pitch I often used to question a decision and sometimes say a naughty word within earshot of the ref.

"I remember once being chased nearly 40 yards by Gordon Hill because of the 'verbals'. He really let me have it. He was a ref who knew how to swear back and we never lost respect for him because we knew he had sussed us out.

"When I played in the States I never had any trouble. Everybody connected out there with the game knows that it is all about entertainment and the crowds will dry up if you don't provide it.

"Down at Trowbridge we really try to give the fans what they want. They call us Dad's Army and with players like George Armstrong, Jon Sammels and Trevor Tainton in the team they are entitled to do it. We must all add up to over 200 years of experience. Sometimes we have pulled in crowds of over 1,000 — don't laugh, that's a lot better than some Fourth Division teams gates.

Let's face it, if teams are not prepared to entertain, the game will die. If players, coaches and managers don't get the message now they never will. No wonder the gates are down — they have forgotten about the fans.

"But you can't produce characters. They are born. At Leicester I used to play with people like Stevie Kember and Frank Worthington who I dubbed "Elvis" because he was a Presley fanatic.

"Worthy was a real character with loads of skill and flair and ever prepared to score a cheeky goal with a deft flick over the 'keeper or a little shuffle in front of a bewildered defender. Like Elvis he was a real showman and it rubbed off on everyone and gave even the quietest players confidence.

"When I joined Luton — I've had more clubs than Tony Jacklin — the manager David Pleat told me my job was not only to play but to lift the morale in the dressing room. Now I love a challenge, but within a week David said 'Calm it down. They are TOO relaxed.'

JOKER

"But I have had a million laughs in my life. They called Rodney Marsh the Clown Prince of football. I was dubbed the Court Jester. Some unkind people have called me a Good Time Charlie and my reputation has got me into trouble in the past. But 20 years in the game showed I must have been a fair pro and I feel proud that I can still go into any club in the country and be welcomed.

"Funny experiences? I have had a million. I remember once when I was at Leicester we were playing Sheffield United — another of my old clubs and my great mate Tony Currie was in the opposing side.

"Well, we were losing 4-0 with ten minutes to go and the manager was screaming at us. Some idiot tried a long pass back to Peter Shilton and I saw Tony ready to pounce on it. I raced back as Shilton was coming out of goal and there was a crash as I collided with Currie.

"We both crashed to the ground and came up together — two blonds sweating and swearing. But in that split second we both saw the funny side of it all and ended up kissing each other!

"A sharp-eyed cameraman caught us in the 'act' and ended up with the pic of the year, but I have never been able to live down the embarrassment that picture has caused me.

"I got loads of abusive letters and a funny one from a Gay magazine in West Germany who wanted us to pose for them. But Tony and I still manage to laugh at it when we meet."

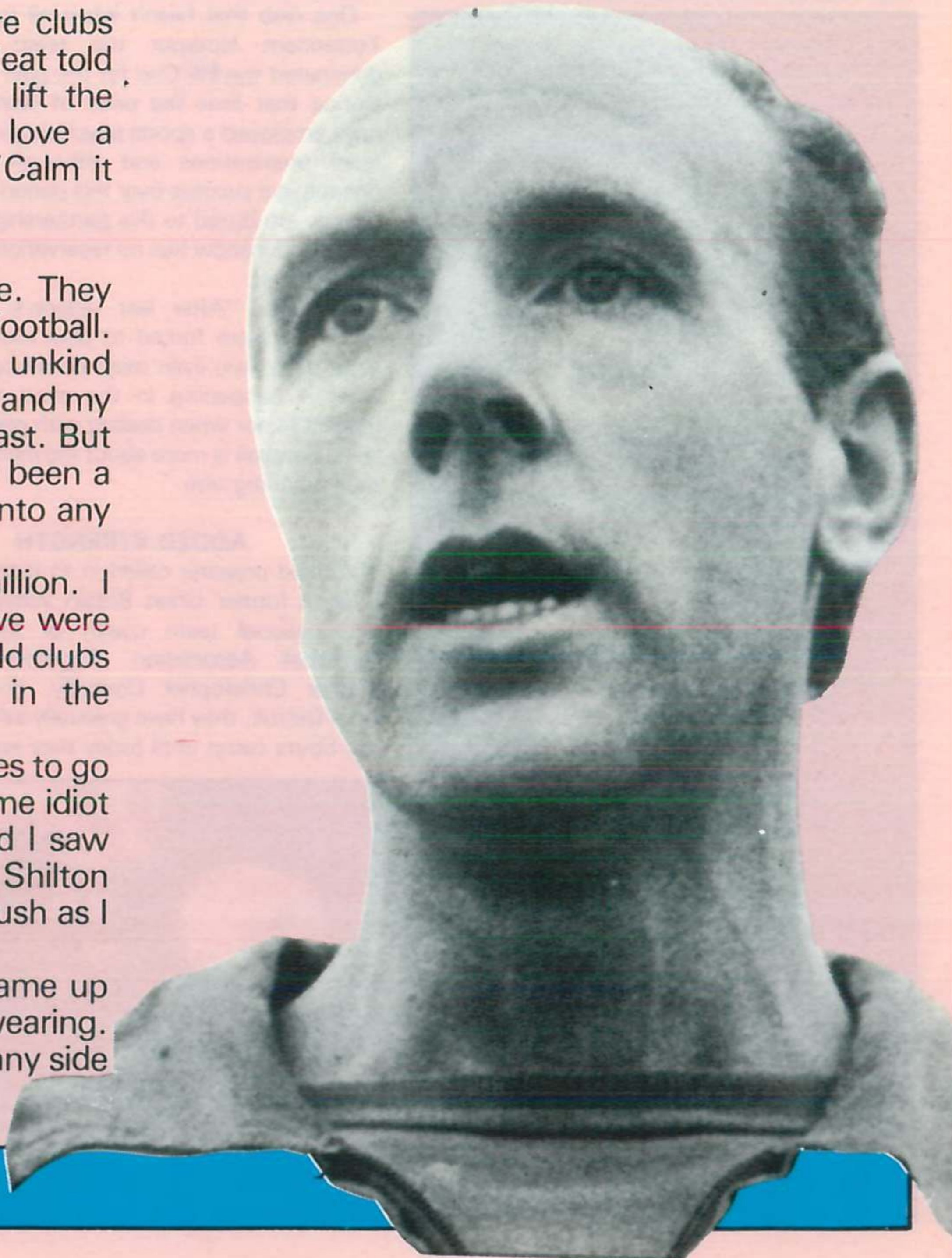
Birchenall, the irrepressible joker, can look back on a career sprinkled with laughter and has no regrets that he is now out of League football.

Is there not a tinge of disappointment that he is not wanted in a game that is dying for some kind of entertainment?

"Well, to tell the truth," says Birch, "I feel that I could have made some contribution. In fact, after being on holiday with Steve Kember in Greece this summer I was on the point of joining him at the Palace as his assistant this season.

"He had asked me to join him and I had accepted. But on the day we were set to return to England he got a telephone call from a friend to tell him he had been sacked. I don't ever think I will need a job that badly."

Jim Iley the former Spurs and Newcastle United midfield player had only a brief encounter with Birch.



It's all in THE MIND at White Hart Lane

SAYS COLIN BENSON

"Come on sprint!... Sprint! Put something into it!" The message is loud and positive even if the reactions are not always so crisp. As beads of sweat trickle down tortured brows, waiting impatiently for the next order to drag their aching limbs through yet another punishing exercise.

The pace never eases, the demands are always high. Head bowed, hands on knees, the last victim desperately seeks respite from his heaving guts and gasping lungs. This is the pain barrier the moment when the mind must conquer matter, and when it has, when the composure has been regained, the mountain is there to be scaled yet again.

This is the ungallant side of a professional footballers life, the hard reality of top class training, designed to condition bodies to face the rigours of League football.

It happens week in week out come rain hail

or shine across the training grounds of England's green and pleasant land. Our domestic game is one of power, pace and stamina. It is no respecter of reputations, there can be no room for the unfit.

Of course training methods have improved over the years. Gone are the days when players never saw a ball except on a Saturday afternoon, but even so many British clubs have been slow to keep abreast of developments in the preparation of top class athletes.

The experts will tell you that the body, mind and emotions do not operate independently. Thoughts and feelings affect physical performance, just as physical activity influences the way we think and feel.

However English football has been slow to realise this and although much work and preparation is done on the physical aspect, very little provision is made for the players mental and emotional state. Indeed it is an area that is very much left to chance.

One club that hasn't left it all to chance is Tottenham Hotspur the team that has dominated the FA Cup for the past two years. During that time the pride of North London have employed a sports psychologist to help in team preparations and although the clubs phenomenal success over this period can not be directly attributed to this partnership, manager Keith Burkinshaw has no reservations that they have helped.

He says: "After last season's experience when we were forced to play four games in eight days I am even more convinced that it is what is happening in the mind that is the biggest factor when dealing with players at this level. Football is more about the mental process than anything else."

ADDED STRENGTH

The mind preparer called in to help was John Syer, a former Great Britain volleyball player and national team coach of the Scottish Volleyball Association. Together with his partner Christopher Connolly, an American from Detroit, they have gradually infiltrated into the Spurs camp until today they enjoy the full

co-operation and confidence of the entire management and playing staff.

Recommended by the clubs physiotherapist Mike Varney who had been impressed by a course run by the two sports psychologists, they made their first tentative steps with Spurs three seasons ago.

It is always difficult for outsiders to penetrate the somewhat mystical inner realms of League football and upon his own submission John Syer knew nothing about the professional game.

"I think we were so far beyond the pale it didn't matter," he explains: "I hadn't a clue who the players were. I had never even heard of Glenn Hoddle, so I think there was almost complete disbelief that we were around to begin with.

"When I gave the first introduction though half the players did respond well, the others obviously didn't. I remember Ricky Villa lying on the table, his eyes raised to the ceiling, and yet now he is one of the people who I feel is responding well.

"The first year we were here it was on a very irregular basis and involved us almost entirely sitting in on team meetings, then discussing them with Keith and producing written reports on how they had gone.

"We were working on the problem of how a manager can create a unit out of a group of gifted individuals to get an extra strength. If a team is working together well it is as if there are 12 people on the field rather than eleven.

"I believe that sort of thing comes very much out of meetings, out of talking about what is going on as well as just working things out on the training field.

"Although I did not know a lot about football at that time I did know how to lead a meeting. Things like sitting in a circle with Keith being part of that circle, rather than standing up and addressing straight lines of players like a schoolteacher.

"That approach is good in certain situations, it is just a matter of being clear about your aims. If you are just wanting a discussion then it is best to all sit down as one unit and let people talk. If you want to give a talk and psyche people up, then by all means stand up and address them.

"But if after a game you want to analyse how far the team came to achieving the objectives it set out to reach then it is good to sit back and prod people into expressing their views. We specially try to create an environment in which the younger less experienced players will feel comfortable and forthcoming.

"That in turn sometimes means dividing up into smaller groups for a little while such as midfield, forwards and defenders."

THE SPOKEN WORD

The written reports produced by John Syer,

Villa reacted with raised eyebrows.





John Syer makes plans with Garth Crooks and Steve Archibald.

concentrated on the organisation of meetings and how they progressed. Always the objective was to find ways of encouraging the players to think more about the game and then express those thoughts in public. When they did respond the result was often exciting and productive.

Another important factor tackled by the sports psychologists is the use of the spoken word. Syer says: "Our language often affects how we feel about something. If I say we have a real challenge on our hands it is much more positive than saying life is difficult."

This point was illustrated at a recent team meeting when assistant manager Peter Shreeves picked on Ricky Villa for saying that they had problems in midfield. Shreeves stopped him in mid sentence saying: "Look this club does not have any problems, they are all challenges." That is positive thinking.

Last season the programme expanded on the group dynamic to develop individual work with the players. They were advised how they could reinforce their performances with mental techniques and this in most cases entailed sitting down and working out with John and Christopher, what they were hoping to achieve and what they needed to do to achieve that target.

For instance last season Chris Hughton felt he was too quiet and wanted to improve his communications with the players around him. The matter was discussed with John and the objective was set for the next game... It was something specific that John Syer could sit back and watch and tell him afterwards whether he had done it or not.

"That we call goal setting," says Syer, "the other thing is mental rehearsal. If a player is

trying to develop a particular quality in his game, he can rehearse a situation in his mind by remembering a time when he really felt he had that quality.

"There was a situation last season when Graham Roberts scored a hat-trick against Southampton. It just happened that before the game in the hotel we were talking. Graham was feeling great having suddenly found himself back in the team after a period in the reserves. As we talked he mentioned that the last time he played against Southampton he had scored a goal. So all I did was get him to sit back and relax and tell me about it.

"He described to me exactly how the goal came about and then I asked him how he felt at the time, what was his actual physical condition. He explained how he felt strong, how his legs felt full of running. Now normally we would get him to go away and practice that feeling for five minutes every day, but on this occasion of course we could only do it that once before the match.

"Early in the game an almost similar situation to the one Graham had recalled, developed and he scored.... He scored two more and everything seemed to go right.

"I would never claim it was a result of what we did in that pre-match chat, but it is the sort of thing that can happen. It's all very much a question of confidence and that is maybe where it comes down to positive thinking."

IN FOCUS

It is impossible to measure the actual return that the sports psychologists reap. Basically their role is to help players get firmly in their minds what they want to do and the best way of achieving their aim. But there are one or two

specific examples of their work that can be registered as positive successes.

For instance at the beginning of last season Tony Galvin had created some difficulties because of his quick fire reactions to referees, John takes up the story: "It was something for us to work on and the way we tackled it was to look for another outlet for his attention other than the referee.

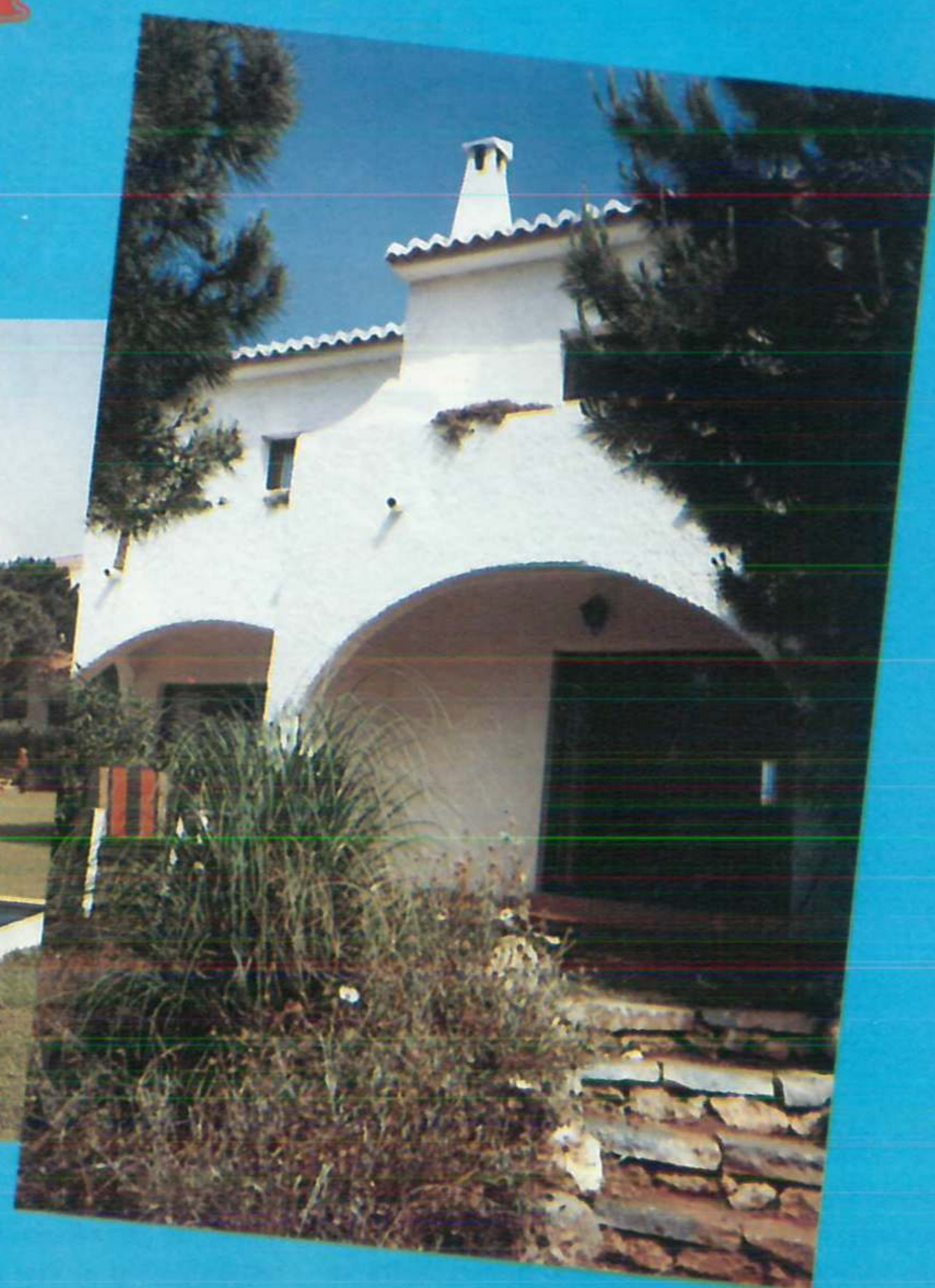
"We talked and then Tony remembered a particular occasion when he lost his temper and he noticed that the opposition were completely distracted. We kicked that point around a bit and realised that at that moment he would have a tremendous opportunity to gain an advantage by running off somewhere else. The idea excited him. We had managed to deflect his attention from the referee towards a more creative role."

The relationship between manager Keith Burkinshaw and John Syer is a healthy open one. Syer attends the team meetings and pre-match and half-time team talks although he takes no active part. "Keith allows me to say what I think and tells me if he feels it is rubbish," says John. "He will say, 'you don't know what you are talking about because...' I love it, that allows me to be really creative."

Mind you John and Chris have found the term psychologist rather a millstone around their necks. The inference is that people they work with have problems. That of course is not the case.

"What we have to offer is just another training session," says John. "It is an extra training session for the mind. We focus on goals, rehearsing things in the head which they have been practicing on the field earlier in the day."

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A Role for Gymnastics in Soccer

How often in this country has it been said that we do not play as rhythmically and with as much balance as the players from Latin countries particularly, South America. Since the last World Cup especially we have cast envious eyes at the Brazilians whom we have praised for their combination of power and delicacy and bemoaned that as something which we cannot really emulate. But is that really true? Surely not, because if we look up and down the gymnastics clubs in England we can see a great upsurge in that sport and if some of what our young gymnasts are now working at could be wedded to and translated into our soccer players' training, we might see some startling changes.

All too frequently we ask our players to perform contortions to try to control bad passes, but even if they were able to get near the ball the body positions they would have to accomplish would defeat them.

Although there has been a great development in stretching, bending and warming up exercises, we go nowhere near performing the kinds of routine necessary to perfect good body posture and suppleness. Anyone that doubts this should watch gymnasts and athletes in action who spend time in excess of half an hour working at warming up routines.

Anything which brings a player a sense of balance is vital and a functional supple body is necessary in order to produce superlative performances.

The average gymnast for example is looking to achieve strength, balance, flexibility, co-ordination, stamina, speed and a sense of rhythm. Most football coaches would tend to agree that these should be vital ingredients in the mix that produces top soccer players, but frequently our teams still look cumbersome by comparison with continental opposition. One of the coaches in this country who was working at gymnastics and thought that it could play an important part in the coaching of young players was John Cartwright the former England Youth Team Coach and now coaching Sporting Club of Kuwait.

He introduced gymnastics into the England youth development sessions he regularly ran for his squads at Lilleshall. He was quick to point out "the England National Gym Coach worked with my squad at our development sessions and we found the players enjoyed the challenge of finding new body positions and having to display courage in moving through the air.

In addition, they had to learn to manufacture a new body shape and combat awkward body positions as this tends to be part of the modern game today.

We especially looked for flexibility and speed and those gymnastic sessions helped us achieve this since good body control creates confidence.

"A good many continental sides tend to be more lissom and there is no reason why our players cannot have the same suppleness. At first people were unsure and looked at the gym work in a funny way, but certainly the boys all enjoyed it thoroughly and soon saw the benefits which could be derived from it.

"Many of the players when they left the sessions were able to practice by themselves or with others and hopefully the message will be carried on at their clubs.

"In the long run I feel that it will add a new dimension to the English game which can only benefit it."

There is no doubt that anyone looking at the ability of a well honed gymnast to stretch muscles further than the average footballer would believe, tends also to lessen the effect of injury especially as players get older. It will also with proper training extend the ability to jump and increase the speed of running.

Most footballers do not put their bodies to as much of a physical test as they might and as a result do not achieve in terms of ability as much as they ought.

Tests have been held to compare footballers training and other sports and the footballers have fared badly by comparison as they have also done in super-sports competitions seen on television. Clearly, much of the work would have to be done indoors where it is hotter and which bring more of a comparison with the warmer climates of South America.

To that extent, it is possible we breed a footballer in this country that needs to be more rugged than his South American counterpart, but anyone who has seen the balance of such players as Ardiles, Villa or Sabella playing in our Football League will appreciate the silky smooth skills and suppleness they display.

For coaches, gymnastics is another interesting feature to introduce into training and although it may be necessary for the coaches either to themselves retrain or bring in gymnastics coaches, players will ultimately derive much benefit. While it is not necessary to involve all the specialist equipment such as beams, bars, vaults or rings, the warm ups and floor exercises will nonetheless produce very effective results in themselves.

Equipment can be brought in under proper supervision if desired and additional balance and spring work can be incorporated as a result thereof.

Whilst we do not wish our footballers to perform like ballerinas nonetheless, an ability to volley a goal from 4 feet off the ground or score with a diving header from 2 feet parallel to the turf, might be so spectacular in the way of goals, that it encourages spectators to return to the terraces.

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BENNO at large

THE GERMAN'S have always had a reputation as a thorough nation and when they turned out at Wembley Stadium for a training stint prior to the game against England they didn't miss a trick. The Wembley authorities were asked to play the recording of the crowd (which is usually broadcast to visitors on a tour of the stadium), over the public address system, so that the players could get used to the atmosphere.

MOST PLAYERS are lucky to get picked even once for England never mind three times for the one international. That was the case for young Tottenham Hotspur star GARY MABBUTT who was named by England manager Bobby Robson as right back to face West Germany. "That's his third position," admitted Robson who was originally intending to play him in midfield, doing a holding job so that Bryan Robson would have more freedom to go forward. Then of course the unfortunate Robson was sent home with a groin strain and Robson decided Mabbutt would take over his role. But again fate intervened when the only rightback in the squad, Viv Anderson, dislocated his knee in training: "I wondered whether to call in a fullback," said Robson, "but I felt we should stick with the players we had." And so the versatile Gary Mabbutt found himself in the number two shirt.

STOKE CITY team manager Richie Barker had the right idea when one of his players asked for more money. You win more games and you will earn more bonus, he responded frankly.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVE SEXTON who engineered England's triumph in the final of the UEFA Under-21 International Championship. Dave described the victory over West Germany as his proudest moment, and that is something for a man who led Chelsea to success in the European Cup Winners Cup and the FA Cup, and later became manager of Manchester United.

ERUPTION — It's worth remembering that we are not the only country to suffer from crowd disturbances. Roma's 3-1 victory in Naples sparked a riot. A 1,000 policeman needed teargas to break up the fans as they hurled rocks and bottles at the end of the match... Well they say see Naples and die!

GOALS, GOALS, GOALS

It's goals all the way as English football makes a definite and positive attempt to bring back entertainment. By mid-September 20 clubs were averaging more than two or more goals a game, compared with only 11 at the same stage last season.

Leading the way in the First Division were Tottenham Hotspur, Stoke City, Liverpool, Manchester United, Watford, West Brom, Nottingham Forest and Luton.

Sheffield Wednesday, Grimsby, Leicester and Burnley carried the scoring banner in the Second Division with the Third Division led by Oxford United, Portsmouth, Bradford City, Brentford, Cardiff and Wigan. In the Fourth Division Darlington and Torquay who now operate with part-time players, completed the list.

Only Tottenham and Bradford City were in last season's top 11.

If the current increased rate of goalscoring is maintained until the end of the season there will be 543 more goals scored in Football League matches this season than last.

As the clubs went into the fourth Saturday of the League season they could look back at a striking rate of 2.87 goals per match compared with 2.60 for the whole of last season.

Graham Kelly, secretary of The Football League, says: "It is an astonishing difference and we must all hope that the momentum can be kept up. I see no reason why it can't.

"The stricter interpretation of the rules undoubtedly has something to do with it, but I must admit that in the matches I have seen I have detected a refreshingly changed attitude towards attack. It could also be that the clubs, particularly those who just missed promotion last season, have really started to appreciate the value of three points for a win. Opening up a gap early in the season can have quite an effect on a team's morale and confidence."

Last season, the 2,028 League games yielded 5,277 goals at an average of 2.60 per game. Compared with the current stage of last season when 519 goals had been scored in three fewer matches, the current increase of 54 goals to 573 represents an uplift of 10.4 per match.

Those 519 goals had come from 202 matches at an average of 2.56. This season's 573, from 199 games, boost the average per game to 2.87. That return, from 2,028 games, would give a figure for the season of 5,820.

The First Division and the Third Division have provided a prolific increase in home goals. There has been a 30.2 per cent (112 goals compared with 86) rise in the top section and a staggering 57.3 per cent (61 up to 96) in the Third Division.

HOW THE SEASONS COMPARE

Division 1					
	Games	Home Goals	Away Goals	Total	Average Per Match
1982-83	55	112	61	173	3.14
1981-82	55	86	61	147	2.67
Division 2					
1982-83	48	80	53	133	2.77
1981-82	51	77	52	129	2.52
Division 3					
1982-83	48	96	49	145	3.02
1981-82	48	60	50	111	2.31
Division 4					
1982-83	48	71	41	112	2.33
1981-82	48	87	45	132	2.75

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Division 2	Home	Away
Aston Villa	1-2	1-1
Blackpool	1-1	2-0
Bristol City	2-1	0-1
Cardiff	1-1	0-1
Carlisle	2-0	0-1
Crystal Palace	2-0	0-0
Fulham	0-0	0-1
Hull	1-0	0-0
Luton	1-0	1-2
Middlesbrough	2-1	0-0
Millwall	0-1	1-2
Nottingham Forest	1-0	2-3
Notts County	1-3	0-0
Orient	1-1	0-3
Oxford	2-1	2-0
Portsmouth	4-0	2-0
Preston	0-2	1-2
Sheffield Wednesday	4-2	0-1
Sunderland	1-0	0-3
Swindon	2-0	2-2
W.B.A.	1-1	0-0

F.A. CUP

Rd. 3 — Stoke	(h) 3-2
Rd. 4 — Southampton	(a) 3-3
	(h) 0-2

LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Allardyce, S.	7	Byrom, J.	32(1)
Darling, M.	6(2)	Dunne, T.	10(2)
Greaves, R.	41	Hallows, P.	1
Jones, G.	30	Jones, P.	38
Lee, F.	15(2)	McAllister, D.	38
McBurney, M.	1	Nicholson, P.	33(3)
Olinyk, P.	6(3)	Phillips, R.	13(1)
Rimmer, W.	23	Ritson, J.	41
Siddall, B.	42	Thompson, P.	24
Waldron, A.	30(2)	Whatmore, N.	31(3)

LEAGUE CUP

Rd. 1 — Preston	(h) 1-1
	(a) 2-0
Rd. 2 — Rochdale	(a) 4-0
Rd. 3 — Millwall	(a) 1-1
	(h) 1-2

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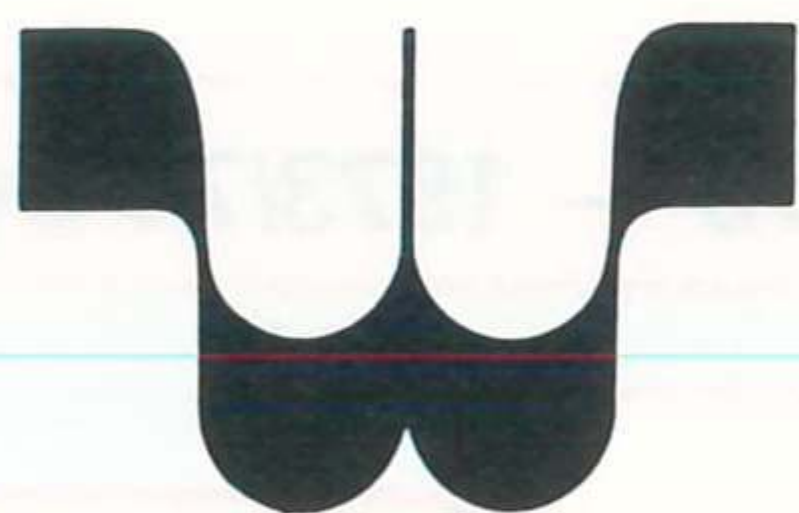
Byrom	18	Whatmore	9
Jones, G.	6	Greaves	4
Ritson	2	Lee	1
Waldron	1	opponents	3

FINAL TABLE (Season 1973/74)

Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbrough	42	27	11	4	77	30	65
Luton Town	42	19	12	11	64	51	50
Carlisle United	42	20	9	13	61	48	49
Orient	42	15	18	9	55	42	48
Blackpool	42	17	13	12	57	40	47
Sunderland	42	19	9	14	58	44	47
Nottingham F.	42	15	15	12	57	43	45
W.B.A.	42	14	16	12	48	45	44
Hull City	42	13	17	12	46	47	43
Notts County	42	15	13	14	55	60	43
Bolton W.	42	15	12	15	44	40	42
Millwall	42	14	14	14	51	51	42
Fulham	42	16	10	16	39	43	42
Aston Villa	42	13	15	14	48	45	41
Portsmouth	42	14	12	16	45	62	40
Bristol City	42	14	10	18	47	54	38
Cardiff	42	10	16	16	49	62	36
Oxford United	42	10	16	16	35	46	36
Sheffield W.	42	12	11	19	51	63	35
Crystal Palace	42	11	12	19	43	56	34
Preston NE*	42	9	14	19	40	62	31
Swindon Town	42	7	11	24	36	72	25

*One point deducted from Preston N.E. for including unregistered player.

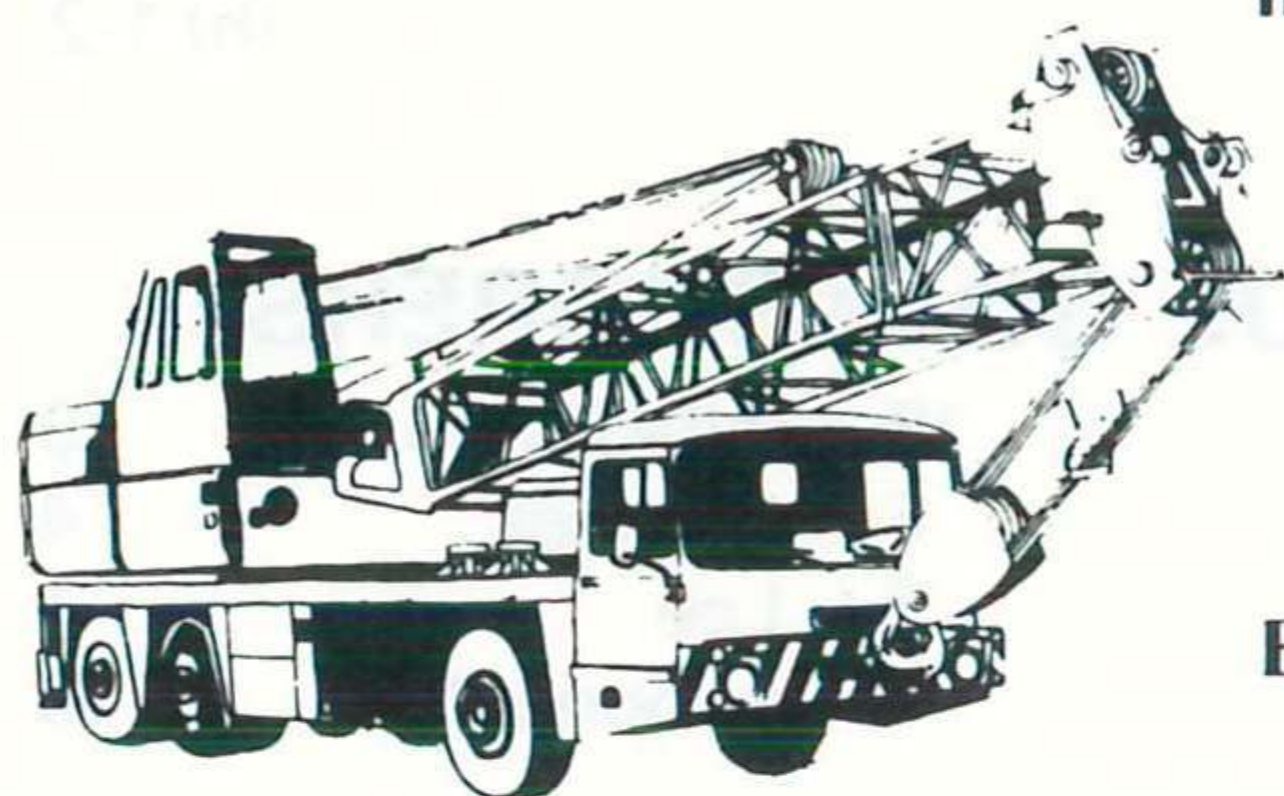
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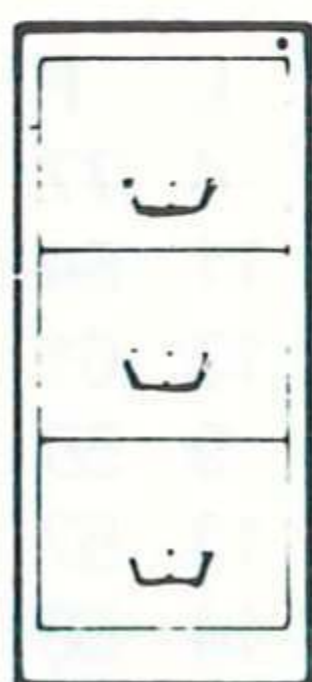
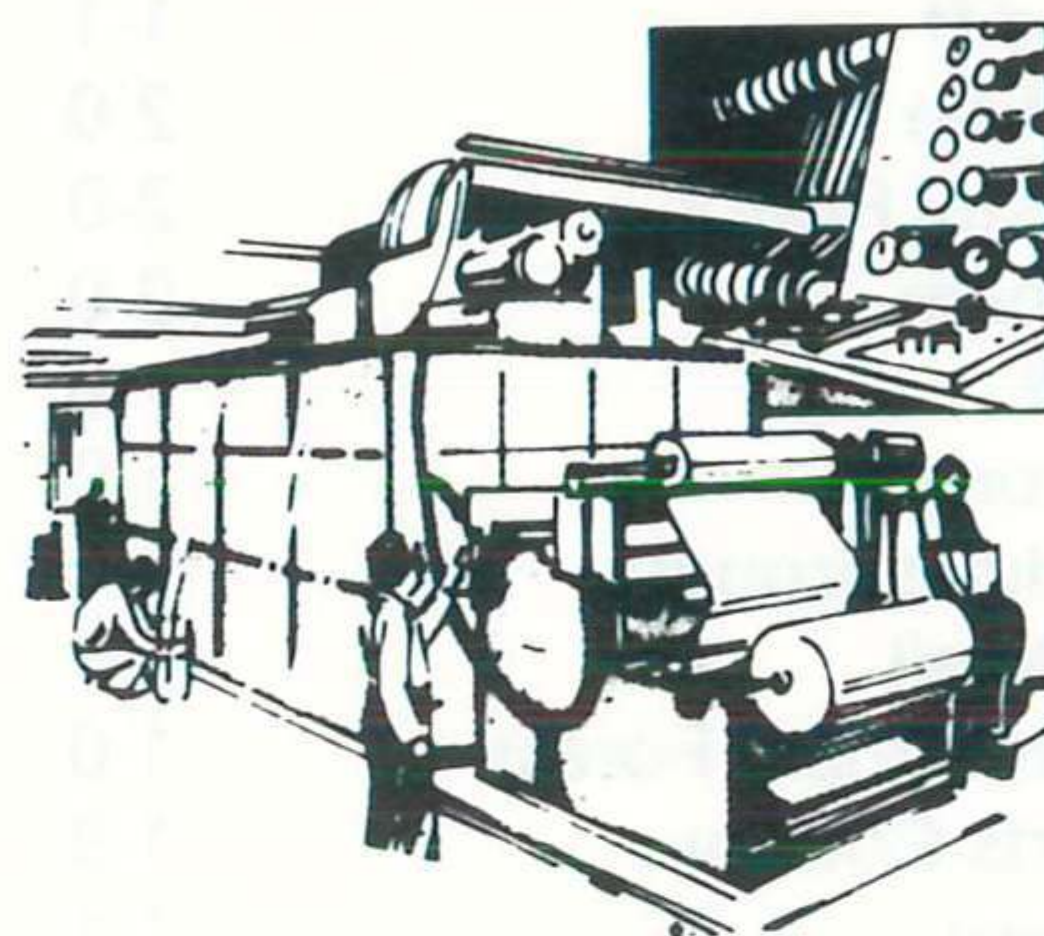
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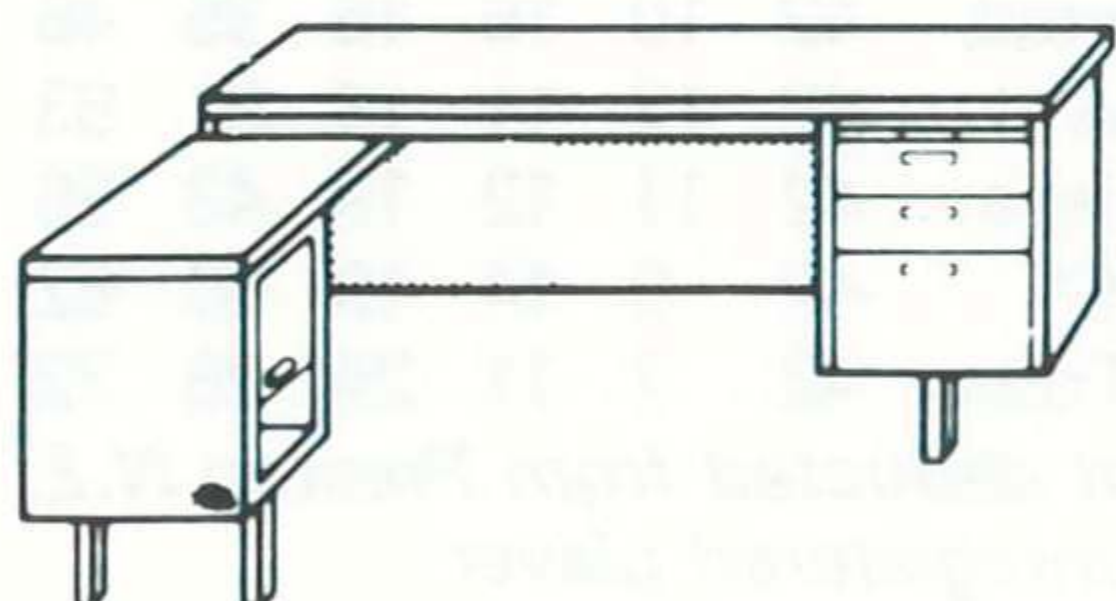
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1982	Opponents	Score	Att
Aug	28 Burnley	0-0	10,607
31	Carlisle United (MC.1)	3-3	4,314
Sept	4 Newcastle United	3-1	17,738
7	Sheffield Wednesday	1-3	17,307
11	Fulham	0-4	5,688
14	Carlisle United (MC.2)	4-0	4,039
18	Wolverhampton W.	0-1	9,264
25	Grimsby Town	0-1	7,583
28	Oldham Athletic	2-3	5,605
Oct	2 Crystal Palace	1-0	5,804
Oct	5 Watford	1-2	5,664
9	Rotherham United	2-2	6,577
16	Middlesbrough	0-1	5,529
23	Barnsley	0-2	7,339
26	Watford (MC.3)	1-2	11,520
30	Queens Park Rangers	0-1	9,363
Nov	6 Shrewsbury Town		
20	Blackburn R.		
27	Leicester City		
Dec	4 Cambridge United		
11	Charlton Athletic		
18	Chelsea		
27	Carlisle United		
28	Leeds United		
1983			
Jan	1 Blackburn Rovers		
3	Newcastle United		
8	FA Cup 3		
15	Burnley		
22	Oldham Athletic		
29	FA Cup 4		
Feb	5 Fulham		
12	Crystal Palace		
19	Rotherham United		
26	Middlesbrough		
Mar	5 Barnsley		
12	Queens Park Rangers		
19	Shrewsbury Town		
26	Derby County		
April	2 Leeds United		
5	Carlisle United		
9	Sheffield Wednesday		
16	Wolverhampton W.		
23	Cambridge United		
30	Leicester City		
May	2 Grimsby Town		
May	7 Chelsea		
14	Charlton Athletic		
21	FA Cup Final		

● Player substituted

FIREWORK SPECTACULAR

Tomorrow, 7th November at Burnden Park, organised by Bolton-le-Moores round table. Support your local charities. Admission by programme. Adults 70p, children 50p. Programmes can be purchased at the club's ticket office prior to the day at 50p each.

NEXT HOME GAMES

Central League v Rotherham, Monday, 8th November, 1982.
K.O. 7.00p.m.

Central League v Notts County, Wednesday, 24th November, 1982.
K.O. 7.00 p.m.

Football League: v Leicester City, Saturday, 27th November, 1982.
K.O. 3 p.m.

McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Henry	Moores	Reid ●	Hoggan	Berry
McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones ●	Doyle(1)	Chandler	Henry	Moores(1)	Reid	Hoggan(1)	Berry
McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Henry(2)	Moores	Reid(1)	Hoggan	Berry
McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Henry(1)	Moores	Reid	Hoggan	Berry
McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney ●	Chandler	Henry	Moores	Reid	Berry	Hoggan
McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	Doyle(1)	Chandler	Henry(2)	Moores(1)	Reid	Berry	—
McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern ●	Jones	Doyle	Chandler	Henry	Moores	Reid	Berry	Rudge
McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Moores	Reid	Rudge	
McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry(1)	Moores(1)	Reid	Hoggan	
McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Rudge	Reid	Hoggan(1)	
McDonagh	Whitworth	Deakin	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Rudge	Reid ●	Hoggan(1)	
McDonagh	Whitworth ●	Deakin	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Rudge	Moores(1)	Thompson(1)	
McDonagh	Bennett	Deakin	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Moores	Reid	Thompson	
McDonagh	Whitworth	Bennett	Reid	Jones	McElhinney	Chandler	Henry	Moores	Rudge	Hoggan	
McDonagh	Berry	Bennett	McGovern(1)	Jones	McElhinney	Foster	Rudge	Moores	Reid ●	Hoggan	
McDonagh	Berry	Bennett	McGovern	Jones	McElhinney	Foster	Rudge	Moores	Henry	Thompson	



LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

(Up to and including Saturday, 30th October, 1982)

	HOME			GOALS			AWAY			GOALS			F A Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	F	A
Sheffield Wednesday	12	4	1	1	13	7	4	1	1	14	8	26	14	8
Queens Park Rangers	13	5	1	1	14	6	3	1	2	5	5	26	5	26
Fulham	12	4	2	0	15	6	3	1	2	13	10	24	13	10
Wolverhampton W.	11	5	0	1	13	5	2	3	0	3	0	24	3	0
Grimsby Town	12	4	2	0	11	2	3	0	3	10	12	23	10	12
Leeds United	12	4	2	0	11	5	2	3	1	7	6	23	7	6
Leicester City	12	2	0	4	9	6	4	1	1	14	5	19	14	5
Barnsley	12	2	3	1	11	8	2	2	2	6	6	17	6	17
Oldham Athletic	12	2	3	1	10	9	2	2	2	7	8	17	7	8
Carlisle United	12	4	0	2	16	10	1	2	3	9	16	17	9	16
Chelsea	12	3	3	0	11	4	1	1	4	5	10	16	4	5
Crystal Palace	12	4	2	0	10	3	0	2	4	4	10	16	4	10
Newcastle United	12	2	2	2	6	8	2	1	3	12	12	15	12	12
Rotherham United	12	2	2	2	8	11	1	3	2	6	9	14	6	9
Shrewsbury Town	12	3	1	2	8	7	1	1	4	5	12	14	5	12
Charlton Athletic	12	3	1	2	9	6	1	1	4	8	18	14	8	18
Blackburn Rovers	12	3	1	2	12	7	1	0	5	4	16	13	4	16
Middlesbrough	12	2	1	3	7	14	0	4	2	6	11	11	6	11
Burnley	12	2	1	3	9	8	1	0	5	9	15	10	9	15
Bolton Wanderers	12	2	1	3	8	9	0	1	5	1	10	8	1	10
Derby County	12	1	2	3	4	11	0	3	3	6	11	8	6	11
Cambridge United	12	1	3	1	7	7	0	1	6	5	13	7	5	13

TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK

are pleased to be
sponsoring
Bolton Wanderers
and wish them every success
for the season

SECOND DIVISION FACTS AND FIGURES

(Up to and including 30th October, 1982)

Team	Best Attendance	Average Attendance	Leading Goalscorer
Barnsley	13,270 v Q.P.R.	11,865	Glavin 6
Blackburn R	14,421 v Newcastle	8,735	Garner 8
Bolton W	17,707 v Newcastle	8,716	Henry 4
Burnley	10,527 v Bolton	7,889	Hamilton 6
Cambridge U	8,124 v Chelsea	4,666	Reilly 5
Carlisle U	7,723 v Wolves	5,778	Poskett 9
Charlton Ath	8,327 v Sheffield W	5,972	Hales, White 4
Chelsea	25,358 v Leeds	14,742	Speedie 4
Crystal Palace	14,912 v Fulham	8,483	Mabbutt 6
Derby County	13,191 v Leicester	10,003	Brolly 3
Fulham	15,004 v Q.P.R.	9,208	Davies 9
Grimsby T	16,137 v Leeds	8,699	Drinkell, Waters 6
Leeds U	26,570 v Newcastle	17,133	Butterworth 5, Worthington 5
Leicester C	17,341 v Sheffield W	11,678	Lineker 10
Middlesbrough	8,074 v Burnley	6,582	Shearer, Otto 4
Newcastle U	36,185 v Q.P.R.	28,244	Keegan 8
Oldham	11,491 v Newcastle	5,194	Palmer 7
Q.P.R.	13,733 v Sheffield W	10,516	Stainrod, Allen 4
Rotherham	13,791 v Barnsley	9,543	Fern 4
Sheffield W	29,050 v Leeds	20,536	Bannister 9
Shrewsbury	7,907 v Newcastle	4,529	Pertts 3
Wolves	16,377 v Rotherham	14,949	Eves 4

GOING BY CAR?

HERE IS YOUR
RAC ROUTE TO
NEXT WEEK'S
AWAY GAME AT:

DERBY COUNTY

A666/M61/M62/M63 to present terminal at
Cheadle, junction with A560 19 miles
A560 to Stockport, junction with A6 21 miles
A6 via Hazel Grove, Whaley Bridge and
Chapel-en-le-Frith to Buxton, junction with
A515 42 miles
A515 to Ashbourne junction with
A52 63 miles
A52 to Derby 76 miles
From the outskirts of Derby signposts will
direct traffic to special football car parks.
Special buses will run from the car parks to
the ground, returning after the match.

CENTRAL LEAGUE
FIXTURES

Date		Opponents	Goals
1982			FA
Sep	22	Preston N.E.	5 3
	29	Burnley	0 0
Oct	13	Nottingham Forest	0 3
	20	Chesterfield	4 1
Nove	2	Derby County	
	8	Rotherham United	
	16	Oldham Athletic	
	24	Notts County	
	30	Wigan	
Dec	8	Sunderland	
	14	Manchester City	
	20	Bradford City	
1983			
Jan	4	Chesterfield	
Dec	12	Derby County	
	19	Port Vale	
	26	Barnsley	
Feb	2	Middlesbrough	
	9	Preston N.E.	
	15	Rotherham United	
	23	Nottingham Forest	
Mar	1	Burnley	
	9	Port Vale	
	16	Barnsley	
	22	Middlesbrough	
	30	Notts County	
Apr	6	Oldham Athletic	
	13	Sunderland	
	20	Wigan	
	26	Bradford City	
May	4	Manchester City	

SPORT FOR ALL AT BURNDEN

Everyone is confident that our ambitious plans for a sports complex here at Burnden Park will win the backing of the Department of the Environment and qualify for the two grants necessary if the scheme is to be launched successfully.

Shareholders at the club's Annual General Meeting on October 28 were given details of the plan to centre a multi-purpose sports complex in and around our existing stadium.

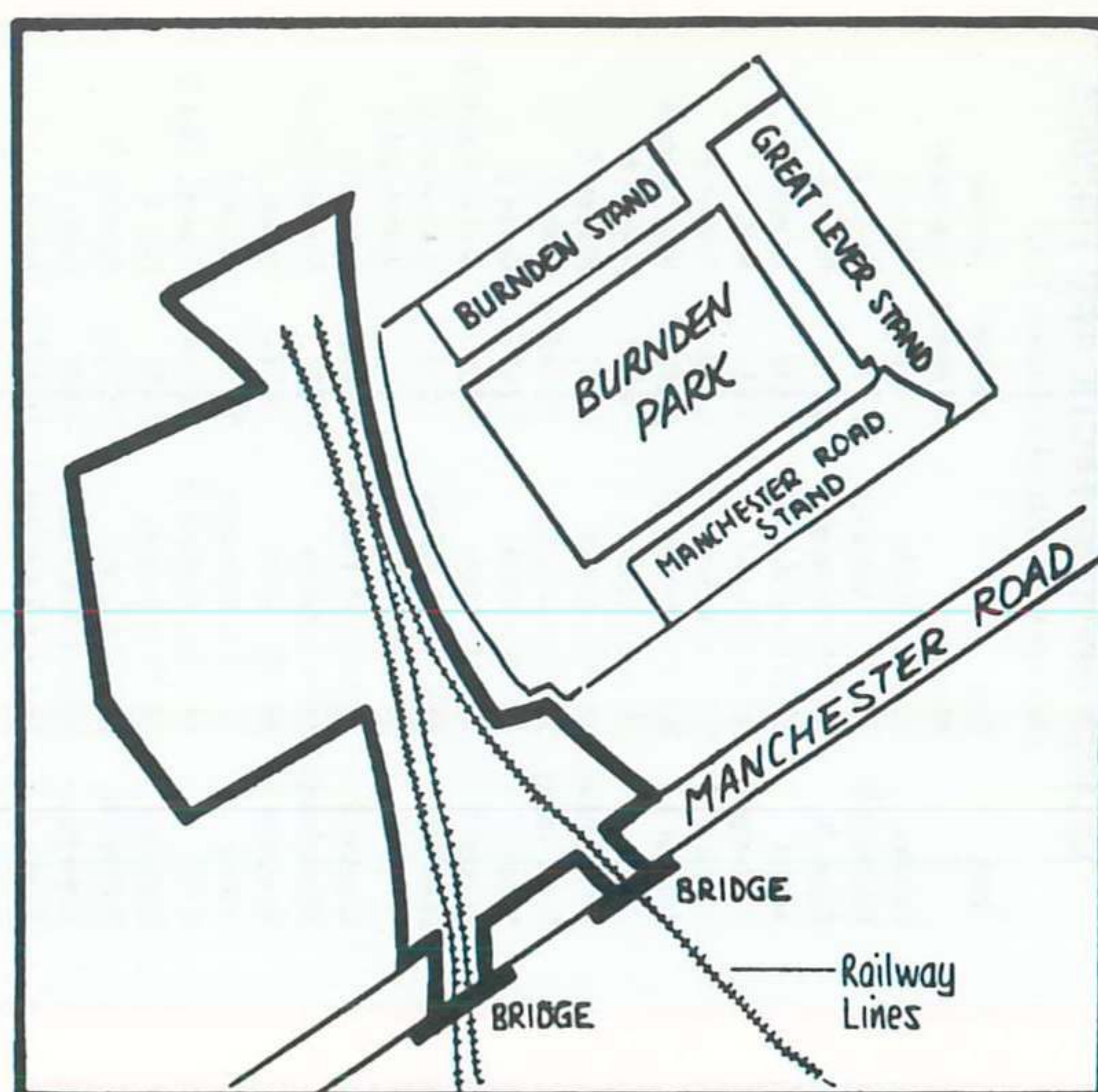
The complex will not only provide a host of new sporting facilities for the town, but also aims to provide a major facelift for the area.

The scheme will involve the clearing of the derelict railway embankment and the demolition of the railway bridges which cross Manchester Road. Part of the cleared site will then accommodate parking space for some 27 coaches and will offer better access to the "Embankment End" of the ground, ease parking problems in the area and make crowd control much easier for the police.

The sporting facilities envisaged include an all-weather surface on the cleared site around which a jogging track will be provided.

Inside the ground, the Burnden stand area will be adapted to offer a wide range of facilities including a health club, rifle club and squash courts.

A second all-weather surface will be installed on the area near the gymnasium while the gymnasium itself will be given a facelift with conversion for badminton and other indoor sports.



This sketch map shows the main areas involved in the plan.

Also planned is a new snooker parlour which will be built at the Manchester Road frontage of the ground underneath the Executive Club.

The aim is to offer as many facilities as possible for the sporting public of the town, further evidence of our policy of community involvement.

The scheme is a three year project with the first phase being launched, hopefully, in the New Year.

We have already had tremendous help from councillors and officials to get the project off the ground and from the encouragement and help we have received from the local authority it is fair to say that we are enthusiastic that the schemes will be well received from the Department of the Environment.

FLYING THE FLAG FOR BOLTON

We were pleased to have Bolton's Commonwealth Games Gold medalist Brian Aspen here as our special guest for our last home game against Burnley.

Brian flew the flag for Bolton in Brisbane where he won the gold in the 57 kilo class in the wrestling, crowning a brilliant sporting achievement.

Victory over the highly-rated Indian champion Ashok Kumar was Brian's reward for a determined fightback after a back injury threatened at one stage to rule him out of the games altogether.

In the best sporting spirit, Brian overcame the injury and, with his wife Jane there to cheer him on, he took Brisbane by storm.

It was our pleasure to have Brian down here at Burnden where he proudly held his gold medal aloft receiving a glowing tribute from our fans who are quick to acknowledge sporting prowess whatever the field.

Well done Brian and well done the Bolton Amateur Wrestling club.



Brian Aspen, Gold Medal winner in Commonwealth Games, holds aloft his gold medal he won for wrestling. He is accompanied by Neal Riley, club vice-chairman.

Puzzle Page??

CLUB CLUE No. 9

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club.

CRICKET IS OBVIOUSLY NOT
THEIR GAME!

Answer to Club Clue No. 8: Porto (anag)

QUIZ — Six of the Best No. 9

1. In which year was the Home International Championships started. (a) 1880; (b) 1883; (c) 1890?
2. If the Hornets were playing the Bees who would be playing whom?
3. Midfield player John Beck recently on loan to AFC has played for three other clubs. Can you name them?
4. Which club went from Division IV to Division I and back again between 1961 and 1977?
5. What is the maximum number of steps a goalkeeper can take with the ball?
6. Who was the first coloured English international?

Answers to Quiz No. 8. 1. Zurich. 2. Leeds United v Sheffield Wednesday. 3. (c) Turin. 4. Swansea City. 5. Holland. 6. Alan Mullery.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 9

Re-order the letters in each of the words.

WILES and WIRE

To find the names of
TWO MEN CALLED "ALAN"

Answers to Mixed Doubles No. 8: Withe, Sayer

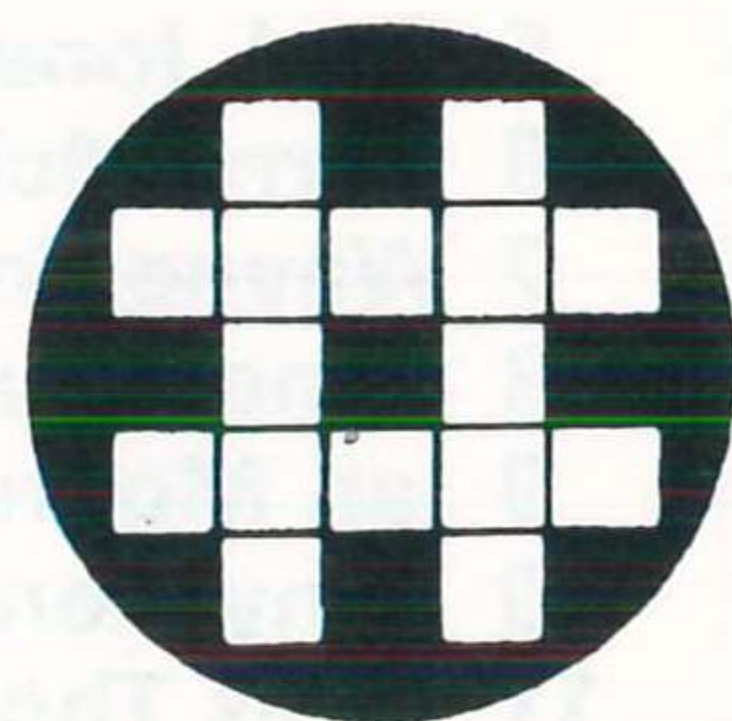
ON THE BALL No. 9

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

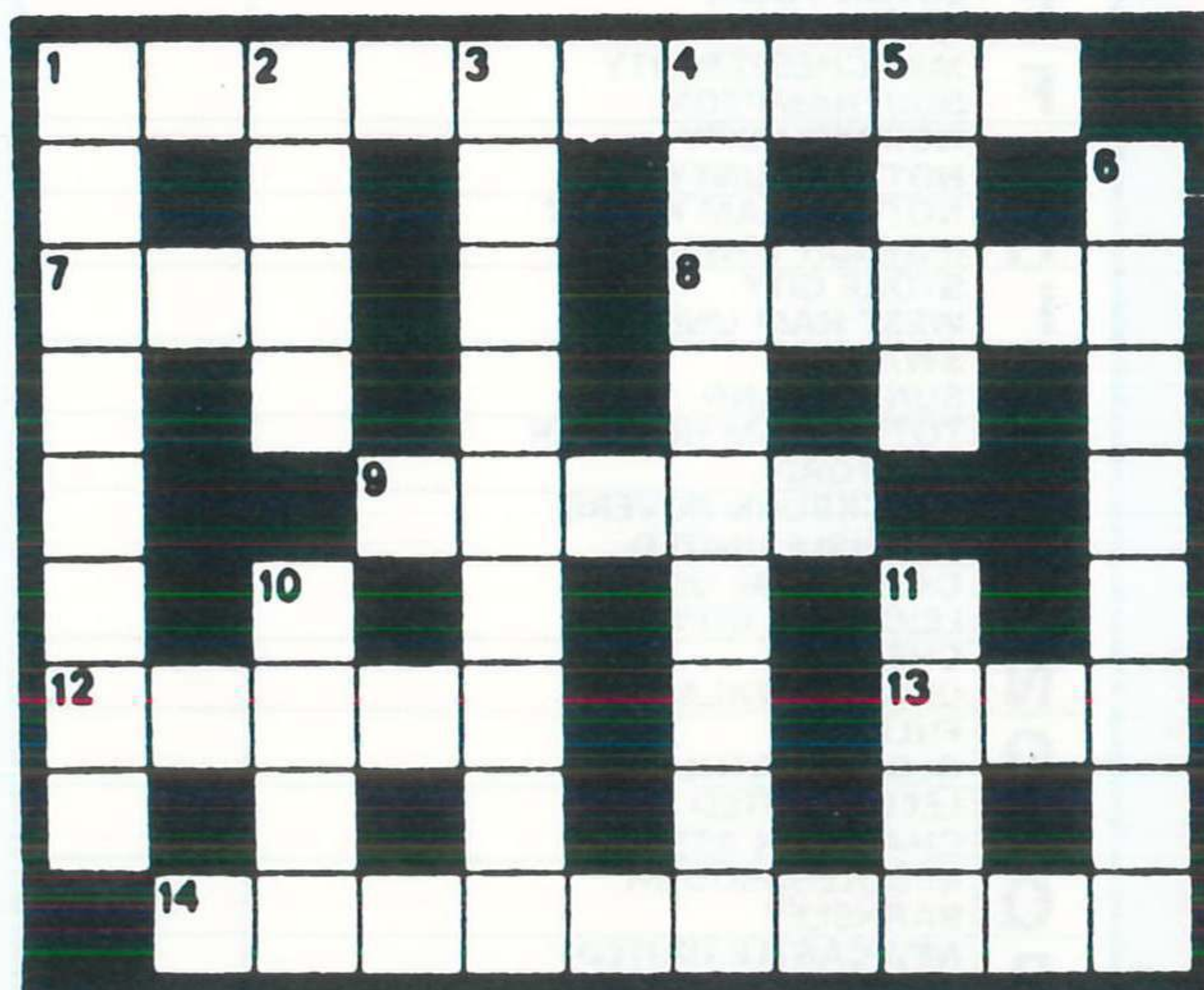
Recent England skipper
Moran, maybe

_____ Thomas, referee
Full of fouls

Answers to On The Ball No.
8: Blues; Wales; seven;
Allan.



Crossword



ACROSS: 1. Defender who kicked off his career with Chelsea and who was still there when this season kicked off (4,6); 7. Score (3); 8. Defender (sharing a first name with 1 across) who began with Boro in the 1960s but spent the bulk of his career with Brentford in the 1970s (5); 9. One of Sunderland's colours (5); 12. Country seen in action in the World Cup finals in West Germany (5); 13. Where one of the clubs in a cup-tie goes! (3); 14. Where the NASL's Diplomats were (10).

DOWN: 1. He helped Villa collect the European Cup (8); 2. Bristol-born Phil, who set out with Rovers, sounds like a high-flying keeper! (4); 3. Former League club (now an Alliance Premier side) which went out when Leicester came in (9); 4. The second of Manchester City's two successive Footballers of the Year (9); 5. Sheffield screechers (4); 6. Celtic hold the record for being so in most consecutive British League matches (8); 10. Soccer body founded in 1904 (1,1,1,1); 11. "It may be square, round, half-round or elliptical . . . other shapes are not permitted" (Law 1) (4).

ANSWERS No. 8

Across: 1. Sammy (McIlroy); 5. Miller; 7. Imps; 8. Own goal; 10. Holland; 12. Alan (Devonshire); 13. Sunley; 14. Trips.
Down: 1. Stitches; 2. McParland; 3. Lion; 4. Altobelli; 6. Rollings; 9. Win; 11. Alex.

BURNDEN STAND MATCH DAY TICKETS

Commencing with the match against Shrewsbury Town, for a trial period, and subject to sufficient demand, it has been arranged that tickets for seats in the Burnden Stand will be on sale on the afternoons of Match Days at Burnden Stand turnstile No. 57.

Tickets will still be available at the Ticket Office for the Burnden Stand on Match Days, and also, two weeks prior to each home fixture, as with all other Stand Seat tickets.

TEAMS



Today's match ball
is supplied by
CAMBRIAN
SOFT DRINKS
Cricket Street,
Bolton.

Today's Referee: COLIN SEEL (Carlisle)

Started refereeing in 1961 and from local leagues progressed via Northern Regional, Northern Floodlit, Central and Irish Leagues to the Football League List. Has refereed a number of important League matches, and officiated in three F.A Cup Semi-Finals and an Amateur Cup Final at Wembley as well as Anglo-Italian and Fairs Cup matches in Italy and Spain. Refereed 1979 Challenge Vase Final.



He is married, with two daughters, and works as a Composer. Keen on gardening, do-it-yourself, and enjoys all sports, and has a particular interest in youth club football. Serves on several local football and refereeing committees, and is a local hospital broadcaster.

Linesmen: F. GETNIN and D. TWEATS

BOLTON WANDERERS

- 1 Jim McDonagh
- 2 Neil Berry
- 3 Mike Bennett
- 4 John McGovern
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Gerry McElhinney
- 7 Wayne Foster
- 8 Simon Rudge
- 9 Ian Moores
- 10 Tony Henry
- 11 Chris Thompson
- 12

Scoreboard

A	BIRMINGHAM CITY WEST BROMWICH ALBION	
B	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION MANCHESTER UNITED	
C	COVENTRY ASTON VILLA	
D	EVERTON LIVERPOOL	
E	LUTON TOWN ARSENAL	
F	MANCHESTER CITY SOUTHAMPTON	
G	NORWICH CITY NOTTS COUNTY	
H	NOTTINGHAM FOREST IPSWICH TOWN	
I	STOKE CITY WEST HAM UNITED	
J	SWANSEA SUNDERLAND	
K	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR WATFORD	
L	BLACKBURN ROVERS CARLISLE UNITED	
M	CAMBRIDGE UNITED LEICESTER CITY	
N	CHELSEA CRYSTAL PALACE	
O	FULHAM OLDHAM ATHLETIC	
P	LEEDS UNITED CHARLTON ATHLETIC	
Q	MIDDLESBROUGH BARNLEY	
R	NEWCASTLE UNITED BURNLEY	
S	ROTHERHAM UNITED QUEENS PARK RANGERS	
T	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY DERBY TOWN	
U	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS GRIMSBY TOWN	
V	ORIENT WIGAN ATHLETIC	
W	CHESTER BURY	
X	ROCHDALE PORT VALE	

SHREWSBURY

- 1 Steve Ogrizovic
- 2 Wayne Williams
- 3 Carleton Leonard
- 4 Paul Petts
- 5 Nigel Pearson
- 6 Colin Griffin
- 7 Steve Cross
- 8 Ross Maclaren
- 9 Alan Brown
- 10 Bernard McNally
- 11 Phil Bates
- 12